



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE  
**MARIPOSA ENERGY PROJECT**  
MARIPOSA ENERGY, LLC

DOCKET No. 09-AFC-3

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE VISIT AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING  
AND COMMITTEE ORDER**

On June 15, 2009, Mariposa Energy, LLC submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to construct and operate an electrical generating plant in northeastern Alameda County, California. The proposed Mariposa Energy Project would be a natural-gas fired, simple-cycle peaking facility with a generating capacity of 200 megawatts (MW). The proposed Mariposa Energy Project would be located approximately seven miles northwest of the City of Tracy, seven miles east of Livermore, six miles south of Byron, and approximately 2.5 miles west of the community of Mountain House in San Joaquin County. The proposed project site in northeastern Alameda County is in an unincorporated area designated for Large Parcel Agriculture by the East County Area Plan. The facility would be located southeast of the intersection of Bruns Road and Kelso Road on a 10-acre portion of a 158-acre parcel (known as the Lee Property) immediately south of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Bethany Compressor Station and 230-kilovolt (kV) Kelso Substation.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the application. The Committee has scheduled a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project as described below:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009**

**Site Visit begins at 4:00 p.m.**

**Public Informational Hearing begins at 5:00 p.m.**

**Byron Bethany Irrigation District  
7995 Bruns Road,  
Byron, California, 94514  
Wheelchair Accessible  
(Map Attached)**

***For information about attending the Informational Hearing remotely via the internet or telephone, please see the Remote Attendance section at the end of this Notice.***

Prior to the Informational Hearing, the public is invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site. The Applicant will provide transportation to and from the project site leaving from the Byron Bethany Irrigation District Building at 4:00 p.m. For reservations, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or e-mail: [publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us). **Please make your reservation on or before September 24, 2009, so that we can assure you a space.**

## **Background**

On August 26, 2009, the Energy Commission began review of the proposed Mariposa Energy Project. The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project and is considering the proposal under a twelve-month review process established under Public Resources Code section 25540.6. During the review period, the Energy Commission will determine whether the proposed project complies with applicable laws related to public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering requirements. The Informational Hearing scheduled by this Notice is sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in the review process.

## **Project Description**

The Mariposa Energy Project would be a simple-cycle generating facility consisting of four GE LM6000 PC-Sprint natural gas fired combustion turbine generators and associated equipment. This proposed project would have a nominal capacity of 200 MW.

Power would be transmitted to the grid at 230-kilovolts through a new 0.7-mile long transmission line that would connect to the existing Kelso Substation. A new 580-foot long natural gas pipeline would connect the project site to PG&E's Line 2, which is an existing high-pressure natural gas pipeline located northeast of the project site. Service water would be provided from a new connection to the Byron Bethany Irrigation District via a new pump station and 1.8-mile long pipeline.

If approved, construction of the project would begin in 2011 and would last for approximately 14 months. Pre-operational testing of the facility would begin in the first quarter of 2012 with full-scale commercial operation commencing third quarter 2012.

The engineering and environmental details of the proposed project are contained in the AFC, which may be viewed at:

**<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mariposa/documents/applicant/afc/>**

Copies of the AFC are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process and at the following libraries: Mountain House Branch Library, Tracy Public Library, Livermore Public Library, San Joaquin County Library, Brentwood Library and Fremont Main Library. Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

### **Purpose of the Informational Hearing**

The power plant licensing process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to the environmental impact report process of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. The licensing review provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the general public to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives as necessary.

The Informational Hearing scheduled in this Notice provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to obtain information, offer comments, and view the project site. The Applicant will explain plans for developing the project and the related facilities. Energy Commission staff will explain the administrative licensing process and Staff's role in reviewing the application.

### **ORDER RE: PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND ISSUE IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

To assist participants in understanding the project, Applicant and Staff shall each file a proposed schedule for conducting the certification process, and Staff shall file an Issue Identification Report (Report) summarizing any potential issues. The proposed schedules and Staff's Report shall be filed **no later than 3 p.m., September 24, 2009**. At the Informational Hearing, the parties shall indicate whether anticipated data responses would resolve issues of concern which may be raised in Staff's Report.

### **Public Adviser and Public Participation**

The Energy Commission Public Adviser is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For those individuals who require general information on how to participate, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228, or email: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz no less than five days prior to the hearing at 916-654-5146 or e-mail: **[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us]**.

## Information

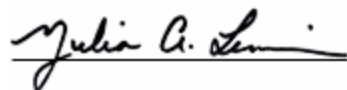
Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Kenneth Celli, the Hearing Adviser, at (916) 651-8893, or e-mail: [\[kcelli@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:kcelli@energy.state.ca.us).

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Craig Hoffman, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-4781, or e-mail: [\[choffman@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:choffman@energy.state.ca.us).

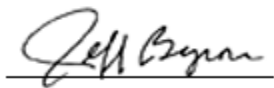
Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

Information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mariposa/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mariposa/index.html).

Dated: August 26, 2009, at Sacramento, California.

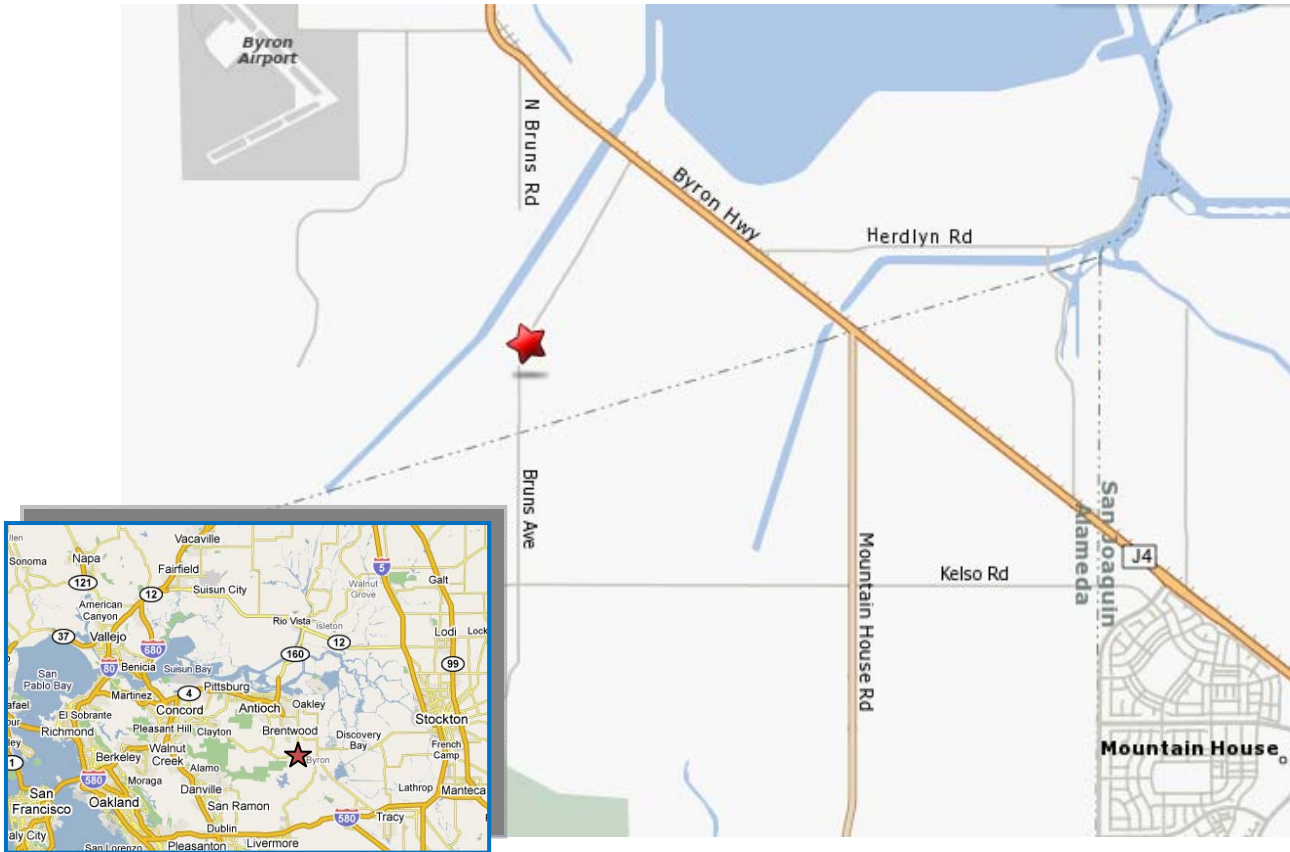


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Mariposa Energy Project AFC Committee



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## REMOTE ATTENDANCE

You may participate in the Informational Hearing by telephone using your computer via our “WebEx” web conferencing system. We recommend visiting the WebEx website in advance to make sure your computer is properly configured for the WebEx broadcast. Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.

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\* When prompted, enter your information and the following *meeting password*:

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### 2. COMPUTER LOG ON FOR CALLERS WITH AN EXTENSION PHONE NUMBER, ETC:

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\* After you log in, a prompt will ask for your phone number. Click “**CANCEL**.”

\* Instead call **1-866-469-3239**. When prompted, enter the meeting number above and your unique Attendee ID number which is listed in the top left area of your screen after you login.

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### 4. TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

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